

**BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
WASHINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES – January 22, 2019**

The Regular Meeting of the Borough Council of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey was held in the Council Chambers of Borough Hall at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Valle, Higgins.

Also, Present: Matthew Hall, Manager
Laurie A. Barton Borough Clerk
Leslie Parikh, Attorney

Absent: Norris and Parichuk

Mayor Higgins led everyone in the flag salute.

Mayor Higgins read the following Statement into the Record:

“The requirements of the ‘Open Public Meetings Law, 1975, Chapter 231’ have been satisfied in that adequate notice of this meeting has been published in the Star Gazette and posted on the Bulletin Board of Borough Hall stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting as required by law.”

COUNCIL APPEARANCE:

1. Library
2. Highlands Plan Conformance Discussion

Usha Thampi-Lukose, Library Directory, along with Scott McDonald, board member, presented the 2019 Library budget and requests.

Discussions of specific requests concerning salary, additional hires, additional days and adding additional hours to be open ensued. Priorities included; new computers and installation of handy-cap entrance doors.

Manager Hall requested that the priorities be listed with amounts and come back to Council with those figures.

Elena Gale, Heyer, Gruek & Associates, Borough Planner, distributed to Mayor and Council an outline of the Affordable Housing Timeline/Tasks that need to be completed.

Ms. Gale stated that the next step is for the Land Use Board to adopt their plan and Council will have a chance to review prior to introduction and adoption of ordinances that are recommended.

Ms. Gale also stated from speaking with Attorney St. Angelo, to expedite things more efficiently, it is highly recommended that a subcommittee be created to discuss and make recommendations and bring back a final draft to a council meeting. Mayor Higgins appointed Josephine Noone and Cynthia Valle to the committee.

Public Comment

Heidi Saglioni (sp), 146 Belvidere Ave., stated that she is an instructor at the Warren County Vo-Tech School for the Practical Nursing program. Ms. Saglioni stated that the program is in danger of being eliminated. Ms. Saglioni described her experiences and teaching of the students this vital important role and career for future nurses and practical nurses. Ms. Saglioni's intent is to save the program from being eliminated.

Motion made by Noone and seconded by Conry to pass a resolution in support of the Licenses Practical Nurse (LPN) program at the Warren County Vo-Technical School.

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Valle, Higgins.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0
Motion carried.

Rachel Symogi(sp), 263 Carlton Ave., came before Mayor and Council seeking support for the Washington Township Seniors group. Ms. Symogi stated that she didn't realize the Borough had its own senior citizen group. The group is seeking a \$1000 donation as the Township donated this amount to the group.

Lt. Kaufman, Washington Township Police Department, reviewed the stats report from December that was distributed to Mayor and Council.

Motion made by Noone and seconded by Valle to close the audience portion.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
Motion Carried.

MINUTES

Motion made by Noone and seconded by Valle to approve the meeting minutes of Regular Meeting Minutes: December 18, 2018, December 27, 2018 and January 8, 2019.

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Valle, Higgins.

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0
Motion carried.

VOUCHERS AND CLAIMS

Motion made by Noone seconded by Duchemin to pay the vouchers and claims in the amount of \$1,111,471.88 from the current fund and \$ 80,429.06 from sewer.

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Valle, Higgins
Ayes: 5, Nays: 0
Motion carried.

REPORTS:

Motion was made by Conry seconded by Noone to receive and file the following reports:

1. Manager-December
2. Police

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Valle, Higgins
Ayes: 5, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

NEW BUSINESS

Open Space Recreation Plan

Motion made by Noone and seconded by Duchemin to review and recommend adoption of the Open Space Recreation Plan.

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Valle, Higgins
Ayes: 5, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

RESOLUTIONS

Motion made by Valle and seconded by Conry to approve Resolutions 2019-24,25,26, and 27.

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Valle, Higgins
Ayes: 5, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2019-24

**A RESOLUTION TO REFUND OVERPAYMENT
ON 2018 REAL ESTATE TAXES**

WHEREAS, according to the Tax Collector's records, there is an overpayment of \$1,900.09 on 2018 4th Quarter Regular Taxes paid on property located at 24 West Johnston Street also known as Block 20.02 Lot 5, and in the name of Wilmington Savings Fund; and

WHEREAS, East Coast Title and Lereta Tax Service had both paid the 2018 4th Quarter Regular Taxes when the property changed ownership, resulting in the overpayment; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has been resolving the matter of tax overpayments and has notified Lereta Tax Service that their 2018 4th quarter tax payment caused an overage on Block 20.02 Lot 5.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, to hereby authorize the Tax Collector and Treasurer to refund the amount of \$1,900.09 payable to:

Lereta
1123 Park View Drive
Covina, CA 91724
Attn: Central Refunds

RESOLUTION 2019-25

**A RESOLUTION TO REFUND OVERPAYMENT
ON 2018 REAL ESTATE TAXES**

WHEREAS, according to the Tax Collector's records, there is an overpayment of \$2,264.46 on 2018 4th Quarter Regular Taxes paid on property located at 24 Washington Square Circle, also known as Block 73.02 Lot 12, and in the name of Gurlovleen & Bippandee Mann; and

WHEREAS, Contemporary Title Solutions and Corelogic Tax Service had both paid the 4th Quarter 2018 property taxes, resulting in the overpayment; and

WHEREAS, the property owner refinanced and the Tax Collector has been resolving the matter of tax overpayments and has notified Corelogic Tax Service that their 4th quarter payment caused the overage on Block 73.02 Lot 12.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, to hereby authorize the Tax Collector and Treasurer to refund the amount of \$2,264.46 payable to:

Corelogic
Centralized Refunds
P.O. Box 9202
Coppell, TX 75019-9760

RESOLUTION 2019-26
A RESOLUTION TO REFUND OVERPAYMENT
ON 2018 REAL ESTATE TAXES

WHEREAS, according to the Tax Collector's records, there is an overpayment of \$1,477.28 on 2018 2nd Quarter Regular Taxes paid on property located at 16 McKinley Avenue, also known as Block 46 Lot 9, and in the name of AMGS Holdings LLC; and

WHEREAS, Premium Title Services Inc. and Corelogic Tax Service had both paid the 2nd Quarter 2018 property taxes, resulting in the overpayment; and

WHEREAS, the property has changed ownership and the Tax Collector has been resolving the matter of tax overpayments and has notified Corelogic Tax Service that their 2nd quarter payment caused an overage on Block 46 Lot 9.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, to hereby authorize the Tax Collector and Treasurer to refund the amount of \$1,477.28 payable to:

Corelogic
Centralized Refunds
P.O. Box 9202
Coppell, TX 75019-9760

RESOLUTION 2019-27

**A RESOLUTION TO REFUND OVERPAYMENT
ON 2017 REAL ESTATE TAXES**

WHEREAS, according to the Tax Collector's records, there is an overpayment of \$1,220.31 on 2017 4th Quarter Regular Taxes paid on property located at 20 North Jackson Ave. also known as Block 26 Lot 4, and in the name of Lavi Property Solutions, LLC; and

WHEREAS, Attorney Karen Spano and Lereta Tax Service had both paid the 2017 4th Quarter Regular Taxes when the property changed ownership, resulting in the overpayment; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has been resolving the matter of tax overpayments and has notified Lereta Tax Service that their 2017 4th quarter tax payment caused an overage on Block 26 Lot 4.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, to hereby authorize the Tax Collector and Treasurer to refund the amount of \$1,220.31 payable to:

Lereta
1123 Park View Drive
Covina, CA 91724
Attn: Central Refunds

Motion made by Valle and seconded by Conry to approve Resolutions 2019-28 and 29.

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Valle, Higgins

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 2019-28

**A RESOLUTION TO REFUND OVERPAYMENT
ON 2018 REAL ESTATE TAXES**

WHEREAS, according to the Tax Collector's records, there is an overpayment of \$1,643.69 on 2018 4th Quarter Regular Taxes paid on property located at 30 Lenape Trail, also known as Block 101.01 Lot 22, and in the name of MTGLQ Investors, LP; and

WHEREAS, LTS Acquisition Co., LLC and Corelogic Tax Service had both paid the 4th Quarter 2018 property taxes, resulting in the overpayment; and

WHEREAS, the property has changed ownership and the Tax Collector has been resolving the matter of tax overpayments and has notified Corelogic Tax Service that their 4th quarter payment caused an overage on Block 101.01 Lot 22.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, to hereby authorize the Tax Collector and Treasurer to refund the amount of \$1,643.69 payable to:

Corelogic
Centralized Refunds
P.O. Box 9202
Coppell, TX 75019-9760

RESOLUTION 2019-29

A RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE

As per N.J.S.A.54:5

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS THAT, WHEREAS, lands in the taxing district of Washington Borough, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, were sold on October 19, 2018 to JU Solo 401K Trust, 42 Huntington Rd, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920, in the amount of \$710.55 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2017 in the name of Corter, Helen supposed owner, and in said assessment and sale were described as 4 Hann Terrace, Block 98 Lot 14, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #18-00025; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 1-8-19 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Fiedler Real Estate, claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by JU Solo 401K Trust by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$1,240.44 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #18-00025.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 22th day of January 2019 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check payable to JU Solo 401K Trust, 42 Huntington Rd, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920 in the **amount of \$1,240.44** (This amount consists of \$1,240.44 Certificate Amount redeemed).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 98 Lot 14 from the tax office records.

Motion made by Valle and seconded by Conry to approve Resolution 2019-30.

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Valle, Higgins
Ayes: 5, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 2019-30

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF WARREN,
STATE OF NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON TO
ENTER INTO A SHARED SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH VARIOUS
MUNICIPALITIES IN ORDER TO PROVIDE ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES**

WHEREAS, the Borough is desirous to enter into a Shared Services Agreement (hereinafter “Agreement”) with various municipalities so as to provide for the services of an Animal Control Officer; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A 40A:65-1 et seq. commonly known as “The Uniform Shared Services and Consolidation Act”, has been provided so as to enable municipalities and other governmental entities to enter into contracts with each other for the sharing of services; and

WHEREAS, providing Animal Control Services on a consistent and comprehensive basis poses a challenge to small municipalities without the ability to employ the full-time services of an ACO; and

WHEREAS, the sharing of engineering services will benefit both the Borough and other small municipalities in southern Warren County by increasing the efficiency and decreasing the costs of those services as well as providing 24/7/365 coverage; and

WHEREAS, the parties have agreed that the Borough will provide Animal Control services to the various towns which have opted into the agreement in accordance with the Uniformed Shared Services and Consolidation Act, **N.J.S.A, 40A:65-1 et seq.** and terms and conditions of this agreement;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the foregoing recitals incorporated herein by reference and in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound, hereby agree.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Borough of Washington, County of Warren and State of New Jersey that the Agreement detailed herein is approved and that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute, on behalf of the Borough of Washington the aforesaid Shared Services Agreement with any and all municipalities which opt-in under the form of agreement made a part

hereof and attached hereto this resolution.

Motion made by Conry and seconded by Valle to approve Resolution 2019-31.

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Valle, Higgins
Ayes: 5, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

RESOLUTION #2019-31

A RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE
As per N.J.S.A.54:5

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS THAT, WHEREAS, lands in the taxing district of Washington Borough, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, were sold on October 13, 2017 to JU Solo 401K Trust, 42 Huntington Rd, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920, in the amount of \$668.02 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2016 in the name of Parr-Mupo, C & Mupo, Jr, R supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 96 Flower Ave., Block 44 Lot 5, which sale was evidenced by Certificate #17-00016; and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 1-10-19 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Phelan Hallinan Diamond & Jones, PC, claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by JU Solo 401K Trust by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$1,725.76 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #17-00016.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 22th day of January 2019 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check payable to JU Solo 401K Trust, 42 Huntington Rd, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920 in the **amount of \$2,825.76** (This amount consists of \$1,725.76 Certificate Amount redeemed + \$1,100.00 Premium).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 44 Lot 5 from the tax office records.

Motion made by Noone and seconded by Valle to approve Resolution 2019-32.

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Valle, Higgins
Ayes: 5, Nays: 0
Motion Carried

RESOLUTION # 2019-32

A RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE
As per N.J.S.A.54:5

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS THAT, WHEREAS, lands in the taxing district of Washington Borough, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, were sold on April 17, 2018 to Light Properties, LLC, 17 W. Cliff St., Somerville, NJ 08876, in the amount of \$2,910.46 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2017 in the name of Jade Partners Washington, LLC as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 33 W Washington Ave., Block 95 Lot 3, which sale was evidenced by certificate #17-00032 and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 1-9-19 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Jade Partners Urban Renewal, LLC claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by Light Properties, LLC by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$4,627.76 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #17-00032.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 22nd day of January 2019 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check payable to Light Properties, LLC, 17 W. Cliff St., Somerville, NJ 08876 in the amount of **\$4,627.76** (This consists of \$4,627.76 Certificate Amount redeemed).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 95 Lot 3 from the tax office records.

Motion made by Valle and seconded by Conry to approve Resolution 2019-33.

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Valle, Higgins

Ayes: 5, Nays: 0

Motion Carried

RESOLUTION 2019-33

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADJUSTMENT OF
A BOROUGH'S SEWER SERVICE CHARGE
DUE TO DISCONNECTION FROM THE SEWER SYSTEM**

WHEREAS, according to the Treasurer's records, a borough property located at 57 North Jackson Avenue was disconnected from the Washington Borough Sewer system and;

WHEREAS, the quarterly sewer invoice was being billed without interruption for the 2018 billing cycle and;

WHEREAS, the Borough Treasurer's office has received a written notification from the Washington Borough Zoning Official, Matthew Lopez that the sewer line was capped off. It was confirmed that the property at 57 North Jackson Avenue was disconnected from the Washington Borough Sewer system. The property is currently under construction and will be reconnected to the main sewer line for future use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey that the Borough

Treasurer is authorized to adjust the sewer account #1066-1 to reflect an inactive status until the location receives a CO when reconstruction is complete.

BLOCK/LOT
REASON/ADJUSTMENT

PROPERTY OWNER/
PROPERTY LOCATION

37/18

Jadwiga Zdanowicz
57 North Jackson Ave.

Reconstruction

Effective: January 2019

Motion made by Valle and seconded by Conry to approve Resolutions 2019-34 and 2019-35.

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Valle, Higgins
Ayes: 5, Nays: 0
Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION # 2019-34

A RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE
As per N.J.S.A.54:5

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS THAT, WHEREAS, lands in the taxing district of Washington Borough, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, were sold on October 19, 2018 to Light Properties, LLC, 17 W. Cliff St., Somerville, NJ 08876, in the amount of \$199.13 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2017 in the name of Gaston, Charles E Jr & Loree as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 313 Belvidere Ave., Block 6 Lot 64, which sale was evidenced by certificate #18-00004 and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 1-14-19 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Charles Gaston Jr. claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by Light Properties, LLC by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$735.99 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #18-00004.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 22nd day of January 2019 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check payable to Light Properties, LLC, 17 W. Cliff St., Somerville, NJ 08876 in the amount of **\$735.99** (This consists of \$735.99 Certificate Amount redeemed).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 6 Lot 64 from the tax office records.

RESOLUTION 2019-35

A RESOLUTION FOR REDEMPTION OF TAX CERTIFICATE

As per N.J.S.A.54:5

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS THAT, WHEREAS, lands in the taxing district of Washington Borough, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, were sold on April 17, 2018 to Light Properties, LLC, 17 W. Cliff St., Somerville, NJ 08876, in the amount of \$5,501.00 for taxes or other municipal liens assessed for the year 2016 in the name of Jade Partners Washington, LLC as supposed owners, and in said assessment and sale were described as 27 W Washington Ave., Block 95 Lot 4, which sale was evidenced by certificate #17-00033 and

WHEREAS, the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of the Borough of Washington, do certify that on 1-14-19 and before the right to redeem was cut off, as provided by law, Jade Partners Urban Renewal, LLC claiming to have an interest in said lands, did redeem said lands claimed by Light Properties, LLC by paying the Collector of Taxes of said taxing district of Washington Borough the amount of \$33,968.97 which is the amount necessary to redeem Tax Sale Certificate #17-00033.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on this 22nd day of January 2019 by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren to authorize the Treasurer to issue a check payable to Light Properties, LLC, 17 W. Cliff St., Somerville, NJ 08876 in the amount of **\$33,968.97** (This consists of \$33,968.97 Certificate Amount redeemed).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tax Collector is authorized to cancel this lien on Block 95 Lot 4 from the tax office records.

Motion made by Noone and seconded by Conry to approve Resolutions 2019-36.

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Valle, Higgins
Ayes: 5, Nays: 0
Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION 2019-36
RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TERMS OF A SUCCESSOR COLLECTIVE
NEGOTIATIONS AGREEMENT WITH CWA, AFL-CIO LOCAL 1032

WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington (“Borough”) and the Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO (“Union”) engaged in negotiations for successor Collective Negotiations Agreement (“Agreement”); and

WHEREAS, the Borough and the Union have agreed to the terms and conditions set forth in a Memorandum of Agreement (“MOA”); and

WHEREAS, the Union has ratified the terms contained in the MOA; and

WHEREAS, the Borough previously approved the terms contained in the MOA; and

WHEREAS, the parties have prepared a draft of a successor collective negotiations agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Borough wishes to approve the form of the successor collective negotiations agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, as follows:

1. That the Borough hereby accepts and approves the form of the successor collective negotiations agreement with the Union;
2. The Mayor is authorized to execute the successor collective negotiations agreement on behalf of the Borough;
3. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

Motion made by Conry and seconded by Valle to approve Resolutions 2019-37.

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Valle, Higgins
Ayes: 4, Nays: 0 Abstain: 1(Higgins)
Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION #2019-37

**A RESOLUTION TO REFUND A MISAPPLIED PAYMENT
ON 2019 REAL ESTATE TAXES**

WHEREAS, according to the Tax Collector's records, there is a misapplied payment of \$1,197.97 on 2019 1st Quarter Regular Taxes paid on property located at 17 Fisher Ave., also known as Block 84 Lot 32, and in the name of Archer, Jennifer A.; and

WHEREAS, Sandra Archer sent a 1st Quarter 2019 tax payment for her daughter's property unaware that the owner escrows her taxes through Corelogic Tax Service. Corelogic payments are downloaded through an email and distributed to multiple properties; and

WHEREAS, the Tax Collector has been resolving the matter of misapplied tax payments and has received a written request from Jennifer Archer that the payment error be refunded to her so the duplicate payment will not be on the property's tax records.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough

of Washington, in the County of Warren, State of New Jersey, to hereby authorize the Tax Collector and Treasurer to refund the amount of \$1,197.97 payable to:

Jennifer Archer
17 Fisher Avenue
Washington, NJ 07882

Motion made by Conry and seconded by Duchemin to approve Resolutions 2019-38.

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Valle, Higgins
Ayes: 5, Nays: 0
Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION 2019-38

RESOLUTION AMENDING SOFTBALL FEE FOR 2019

WHEREAS, the Recreation Director, in consultation with the Recreation Commission, have provided the Mayor and Council with a proposed fee change; and

WHEREAS, in that fees were reviewed to determine whether they are fair to the public and fairly reflect the reasonable cost of public facilities, taking into account such municipal expenses as wages and benefits, insurance, utility costs, maintenance and repair costs and other unpredictable costs incurred by the Borough to operate the Borough's recreational facilities; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council have reviewed the attached fee change as proposed by the Recreation Director and Recreation Commission and wish to memorialize the approval of the fee change;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren, State of New Jersey as follows: the registration fee for the Washington Borough Girls Softball program shall be amended to \$75.00 per participant for 2019.

Motion made by Conry and seconded by Duchemin to approve Resolutions 2019-39.

ROLL CALL: Conry, Duchemin, Noone, Valle, Higgins
Ayes: 5, Nays: 0
Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION 2019-39

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF SURPLUS
PROPERTY BY THE BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON FROM THE TOWNSHIP
OF WASHINGTON FOR NOMINAL CONSIDERATION**

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 40A:11-36(2) permits a municipality by resolution to sell property no longer needed for public use to another contracting unit without advertisement or auction; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Washington desires to sell a 2012 Chevrolet Tahoe K9 unit which is no longer needed by the township for nominal consideration to the Borough of Washington; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington desires to acquire aforesaid vehicle for use by the Borough Animal Control Officer;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren that:

Ownership of the vehicle listed below is hereby accepted by the Borough of Washington for \$1.00:

**2012 Chevrolet Tahoe
VIN# 1GNSK2E02CR309127**

OLD BUSINESS:

Mayor Higgins reiterated to Council to get everyone's input on five things Council needs to work on and goals and objectives for the Manager. Mayor Higgins stated that this will be discussed at the next meeting.

Mayor Higgins added that he would like the Manager to explore as many shared services as possible.

RECAP

M. Hall recapped the following:

- Salary analysis of the library budget
- Prepare the Highlands resolution
- Work with the committee for COAH
- Prepare resolution for the nursing program at the Vo-Tech
- Look into remediation grants
- Schedule a retreat with governing body at the offices of Gebhardt.
- Budget workshop scheduled for February 5th at 6:00 PM.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilwoman Noone thanked the Manager and former Deputy Mayor Heinrich regarding their remediation work on Vicon Tile.

Councilwoman Valle agreed with Ms. Noone and added a congratulations to Jonathan James for his certification.

Councilwoman Duchemin stated it was awesome news on the grants and congratulated Jonathan James as well.

Councilwoman Conry congratulated Jonathan James for same and also thanked the Police and Manager Hall for doing great jobs. Ms. Conry added she will work with Rachel regarding the Townships Senior committee.

Mayor Higgins stated that the BID dinner will be held on February 7th. Mayor Higgins asked for an update on lighting at the cross walks. Manager Hall stated he had a conference call with the State DOT and will work with them to come up with supplemental lighting in those areas.

Mayor Higgins also thanked the DPW for the work they did on Saturday night during the storm and added he spent some time with them at the garage. Mayor Higgins also thanked the Police.

Mayor Higgins stated he will have a 2018 year in review report for the next meeting.

Mayor Higgins recapped his attendance at a recent deployment ceremony with the National Guard. There was a couple of Washington Borough residents, Alex Rivera and David Sutton who were being deployed. Mayor Higgins encouraged everyone to attend one of these ceremonies and added it was a moving ceremony and a great opportunity to witness it.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, a motion was made by Conry seconded by Duchemin to adjourn the meeting at 8:32 pm.

Ayes: 5; Nays: 0
Motion Carried.

Mayor David Higgins

Laurie A. Barton, Borough Clerk